

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:261

ANSWERED ON:08.03.2006

DECLINE IN EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL SECTORS

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether expenditure on social sectors has declined in recent years in comparison to defence and capital expenditure;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the expenditure on social sectors during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Union Government proposes to monitor directly the social sector schemes;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 261 REGARDING DECLINE IN EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL SECTORS BY SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH AND SHRI IQBAL AHMED SARADGI DUE FOR ANSWER ON 8.3.2006.

(a) to (c): The social sectors are given priority while finalizing the outlays for the Central Ministries as well as Central assistance to State Governments. The expenditure (Revised Estimates) in social sectors from 2003-04 to 2005-06 and Budget Estimates for 2006-07 in comparison to corresponding estimates under `defence services` and `capital expenditure` are given in the following table:

(Rupees in crores)

Sl.No.	Heads	2003-04 (RE)	2004-05 (RE)	2005-06 (RE)	2006-07 (BE)	% increase 2006-07 to 2003-04
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1.Social Sectors 46136.73 51537.76 66016.45 85131.40 84.52

2.Defence Services 60300.00 77000.00 81700.00 89000.00 47.60

3.Capital 111367.44 119722.46 68410.23 75798.78 -31.94

Source: Central Budget of the respective years.

Social sectors include the revised estimates of Plan and Non-Plan expenditure of the Ministries/ Departments implementing the social sector schemes, viz. Ministries of Human Resource Development, Health & Family Welfare, Social Justice & Empowerment, Tribal Affairs, Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation, Culture and Labour & Employment and

Department of Rural Development, Drinking Water Supply; and Central Assistance provided under State/ UT Plans for selected social

sector schemes such as Tribal Sub Plan, Grants under Article 275(i), Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls (NPAG), National Social

Assistance Programme (NSAP), slum development and Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).

It may be noted from the above Table that budgetary estimates of expenditure on social sectors have increased by 84.52% in 2006-07 (BE) over the revised estimates of 2003-04 in comparison to the growth of 47.60% in expenditure on 'defence services' and a decline of 31.94% in capital expenditure during the same period.

(d) to (f): The monitoring and evaluation mechanism, have been created by the Ministries/ Departments implementing social sector programmes/schemes as part of respective programme guidelines. The Planning Commission reviews the implementation of Plan schemes through the system of Half Yearly/ Quarterly Performance Reviews and during the Annual Plan discussions with Central Ministries/ Departments. Programme Evaluation Organisation of Planning Commission also carries out evaluation to assess the effectiveness of the delivery systems and impact of the programmes/ Schemes. Government has also decided that Central Ministries/ Departments will place before the Parliament 'Outcome Budget' every year to stress upon the importance of the outcomes of major programmes.